

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

a device adapted to be secured to a limb of a user with a device strap, the device having a plurality of functions; and

one or more inputs disposed upon a an input substrate and in communication ~~connected~~ with the device to control the plurality of device functions, said device strap being separate from said input substrate, the one or more inputs positioned on the input substrate so as to be operable by one or more digits of a hand of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input substrate is in ~~a first~~ an extended position, and positioned so as to be inoperable by the digits of the hand of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input substrate is in ~~a second~~ a retracted position.

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of functions includes at least one of a time display, a date display, a calendar display, a timer display, a timer start, a timer stop, a timer reset, a stop watch display, a stop watch start, a stop watch stop, a stop watch reset, a lap time display, an alarm, a face illumination, or a directional lighting.

Claim 3 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the device includes at least one of a timekeeping device, a communications device, a wireless communication device, an electronic organizer, an environmental monitor, a multimedia device, a physiological monitor, a remote control, a Global Positioning System (“GPS”) device, a digital camera, a digital audio recorder, or a radio.

Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the device includes at least one of a watch, a pager, a personal digital assistant, or an audio player.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs includes at least one of a button, a dial, a switch, a slider, a knob, a joystick, a touchpad, or a piezo-electric device.

Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs includes three buttons.

Claim 7 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the device is secured to a wrist of the user with a device strap.

Claim 8 (original): The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the device strap is a watch band formed from at least one of rubber, plastic, VELCRO, a flex-band, leather, or webbing.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs are disposed on a glove.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs are disposed on a retractable strap having an extended position wherein the one or more inputs are operable by one or more fingers of the user associated with the limb to which the device is secured and a retracted position wherein the one or more inputs are inoperable by the fingers of the user associated with the limb to which the device is secured.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs are disposed on a ring connected to the device by a retractable cord.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the inputs control a plurality of states of the device, and a plurality of parameters within at least one of the plurality of states.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs receive alphanumeric input from the user.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the input substrate ~~includes~~ is a retractable band having a retracted position in which the inputs are not operable by a hand of the user associated with the limb to which the device is secured.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the input substrate ~~includes~~ is a retractable band having a retracted position in which the retractable band is disposed over a wrist strap that secures the device to a wrist of the user.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the input substrate ~~includes~~ is a band of at least one of rubber, plastic, VELCRO, a flex-band, leather, or webbing.

Claim 17 (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the device comprises a watch adapted to at least one of running, hiking, bicycling, sailing, swimming, or scuba diving.

Claim 18 (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a watch;

a watch band coupled to the watch that secures the watch to a wrist of a user;

a retractable input band ~~coupled to~~ in communication with at least one of the watch band and the watch, said input band being separate from the watch band, the retractable input band having a ~~first~~ retracted position in which the retractable band covers the watch band and ~~a second~~ an extended position in which the retractable band passes between a thumb and an index finger of a user to support the retractable input band in the ~~second~~ extended position; and

one or more inputs disposed on the retractable input band and arranged so that the user may operate the one or more inputs to control operation of the watch when the retractable input band is in the ~~second~~ extended position.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): An apparatus comprising:

a watch;

a watch band coupled to the watch that secures the watch to a wrist of a user; and

a glove having one or more inputs disposed thereupon, the one or more inputs arranged to permit activation of the one or more inputs by one or more digits of a hand of the user associated

with the wrist of the user and placed within the glove, the one or more inputs coupled through a detachable connector to the watch to control operation of the watch.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): An apparatus comprising:

- a watch;
- a watch band coupled to the watch that secures the watch to a wrist of a user; and
- a ring having one or more inputs disposed thereupon, the ring configured to be removably and replaceably affixed to a digit of the user, the one or more inputs arranged on the ring to permit activation of the one or more inputs by one or more digits of a hand of the user associated with the wrist of the user, the one or more inputs connected to the watch by a cord to control operation of the watch.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the cord is a retractable cord that winds onto a spring-loaded coil when the ring is not in use.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising a plurality of rings, each ring having one or more inputs disposed thereupon, each ring configured to be removably and replaceably affixed to a digit of the user, and each ring connected to the watch by a cord.

Claim 23 (withdrawn) A system comprising:

- a multi-function device means for providing a plurality of functions to a user; and
- one or more input means for receiving user input, the input means disposed upon a retractable substrate means for retractably maintaining the one or more input means in an operable position, the retractable substrate means connected with the device to control the plurality of functions, the retractable substrate means having a retracted state wherein the one or more input means are in an inoperable position.